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### **ROBERT A. BRIGGS NAMED DELAWARE HOMELAND SECURITY ADVISOR**

Today Governor Ruth Ann Minner and David B. Mitchell, Secretary of Safety and Homeland Security announced the appointment of Robert A. Briggs as the State Homeland Security Advisor.

“Clearly, Bob’s previous homeland security experience, as well as his experience working in government, make him an excellent choice for Delaware’s Homeland Security Advisor,” Gov. Minner said. “I look forward to seeing what new ideas he will bring to this position. We’re fortunate to have him as part of our homeland security team.”

Briggs was appointed Homeland Security Advisor following the departure of Edward Smith who accepted a position with the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Before joining the Department of Safety and Homeland Security, Briggs worked as a Policy Analyst for the National Governors Association (NGA) within the Homeland Security and Technology Division in the NGA Center for Best Practices. With the NGA, he helped conduct pandemic influenza workshops that looked at coordination on the state level as well as state and federal relationships both prior to and during a pandemic.

“Bob’s vast knowledge of emerging homeland security concerns from a local and nation perspective will prove invaluable to this State. We will benefit from his experience and interaction with top homeland security professionals throughout the country. Bob will continue to lead Delaware in the forefront of homeland security,” said Secretary Mitchell.

He is also a nine-year veteran of Capitol Hill. He worked as an Analyst for the House of Representatives Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations. He conducted numerous congressional hearings which included chemical plant security and September 11<sup>th</sup> health effects of both responders and residents of Ground Zero.

“I am extremely grateful to Gov. Minner and Sec. Mitchell for giving me this wonderful opportunity. As Delaware Homeland Security Advisor, I look forward to working

with the Delaware public safety community and sharing ideas to keep our State safe,” Briggs said.

Briggs holds a Masters of Science Degree in Biodefense from George Mason University in Virginia. He also earned a Bachelors Degree in Political Science from LeMoyne College in Syracuse, New York.

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